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REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Larnard et al.

In order for a reference to anticipate a claim, that reference must teach each and every element of the claim. Contrary to the rejection presented, Larnard et al. do not teach normal and guarded processing modes, as used in the present specification and amended claims. As such, the rejection is improper and must be withdrawn.

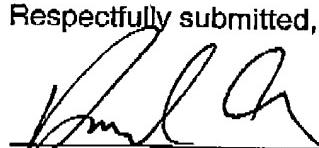
The Examiner appears to be considering the claim terminology in the abstract; namely that a computational state is defined by a given "computation" performed by a processor operating in a single mode. While Applicant asserts this is not a proper interpretation of the claim language, the claims have been amended to include defined terms from the specification.

As this usage was clearly intended by the Applicant based upon the specification as well as the arguments previously presented, there would be no basis to fail to consider these amendments in the current response and for the same reasons, these amendments are not narrowing. In other words, such amendments would reasonably be expected by the Examiner and should be considered in this After Final response.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance and requests notice of the same. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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